

Claim 8 (currently amended). The ~~self-adhesive article as claimed in method of~~
Claim 4 15 or 16, wherein the knitted fabric is composed of polyamide, polyester or
polyethylene.

Claim 9 (currently amended). The ~~self-adhesive article as claimed in method of~~
Claim 4 15 or 16, wherein the backing material is coated with from 10 to 80 g/m² of a self-
adhesive composition.

Claim 10 (currently amended). The ~~self-adhesive article as claimed in method~~
of Claim 4 15 or 16, wherein the backing material in film form is joined to the knitted fabric
by means of a laminating adhesive.

Claim 11 (currently amended). The ~~self-adhesive article as claimed in method~~
of claim 10, wherein the backing material in film form is joined to the knitted fabric by means
of a reactive laminating adhesive based on a two-part polyurethane.

Claim 12 (currently amended). The ~~self-adhesive article as claimed in method~~
of claim 10, wherein the laminating adhesive is applied over the complete area or partially.

Claim 13 (currently amended). The ~~self-adhesive article as claimed in method~~
of Claim 4 15 or 16, wherein the base polymer of the pressure sensitive adhesive is
polyisobutylene or polyethylene-vinyl acetate.

Claim 14 (currently amended). The ~~self-adhesive article as claimed in method~~ of Claim 4 15 or 16, wherein an adhesion promoter is situated between the backing material in film form and pressure sensitive adhesive.

Claim 15 (currently amended). A method for ~~protecting the mechanical~~ protection of curved areas on the outside of automobiles which comprises applying to said curved areas a protective sheet comprised of a backing material in film form having a Young's modulus of less than 300 N/mm², an outer side and an inner side, the outer side of which is laminated with a layer of knitted fabric and the inner side of which is pressure-sensitively adhesive through application of a self-adhesive composition ~~the self-adhesive article of Claim 4.~~

Claim 16 (currently amended). A method for the mechanical protection of painted plastic automobile bumpers, which comprises applying to said bumpers a protective sheet comprised of a backing material in film form having a Young's modulus of less than 300 N/mm², an outer side and an inner side, the outer side of which is laminated with a layer of knitted fabric and the inner side of which is pressure-sensitively adhesive through application of a self-adhesive composition ~~the self-adhesive article of Claim 4.~~

Claim 17 (currently amended). The ~~self-adhesive article~~ method of Claim 2 15 or 16, wherein said Young's modulus is less than 150 N/mm².

Claim 18 (currently amended). The ~~self-adhesive article~~ method of Claim 3, wherein said thickness is from 40-100 μm .

Claim 19 (currently amended). The ~~self-adhesive article~~ method of Claim 5, wherein the backing material in film form contains more than 0.3% by weight of said light stabilizer.

Claim 20 (currently amended). The ~~self-adhesive article~~ method of Claim 7, wherein said basis weight is from 20-80 g/m^2 .

Claim 21 (currently amended). The ~~self-adhesive article~~ method of Claim 9, wherein said backing material is coated with from 15-40 g/m^2 of said self-adhesive composition.